



inspiring young minds through the arts

Mission and Programs

Spark and support the academic, social and emotional development of young people.

Creative Action Core Principles:

Creative Artists, Courageous Allies, Critical Thinkers, Confident Leaders

1. Quality Out of School Time: Artists at 60 campuses

- NAHYP Finalist, President's Committee on the Arts
- 6 school districts, 600+ hours/week
- 4,000 kids primarily low-income schools
- Popularity has created new fee-based model, augmenting sustainability
- Summer Camps

2. K-12 In-Classroom Programs: 7 multi-day residencies

- Funded by the National Endowment for the Arts
- 80 sites per year, 10,000 youth participants
- Creative approach to Social and Emotional Learning tackling bullying, literacy, conflict resolution
- Teach the teachers model

3. Teen Programs: 4 groups, 100+ youth artists

- Color Squad: Public art
- Changing Lives: Teen dating violence prevention through theatre
- New Stages: Juvenile justice
- Outside the Lines: LGBTQ and Allies



THE CREATIVE ACTION YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM



Creative Action

The largest and leading provider of Creative Arts learning in Central Texas.

18,000+ youth and families annually, > 650 hours of programs per week

7 School districts, private schools, low-income housing complexes and juvenile detention centers

85% low income, 70% Latino or African-American youth

82% of participants feel they can use art to express themselves

93% say they stood up for people who were being treated unfairly

95% believe they can make a difference in the world.

In 2012, National Arts and Humanities Youth Program finalist, selected by the President's Committee on the Arts, naming us one of the top 50 programs in the country.

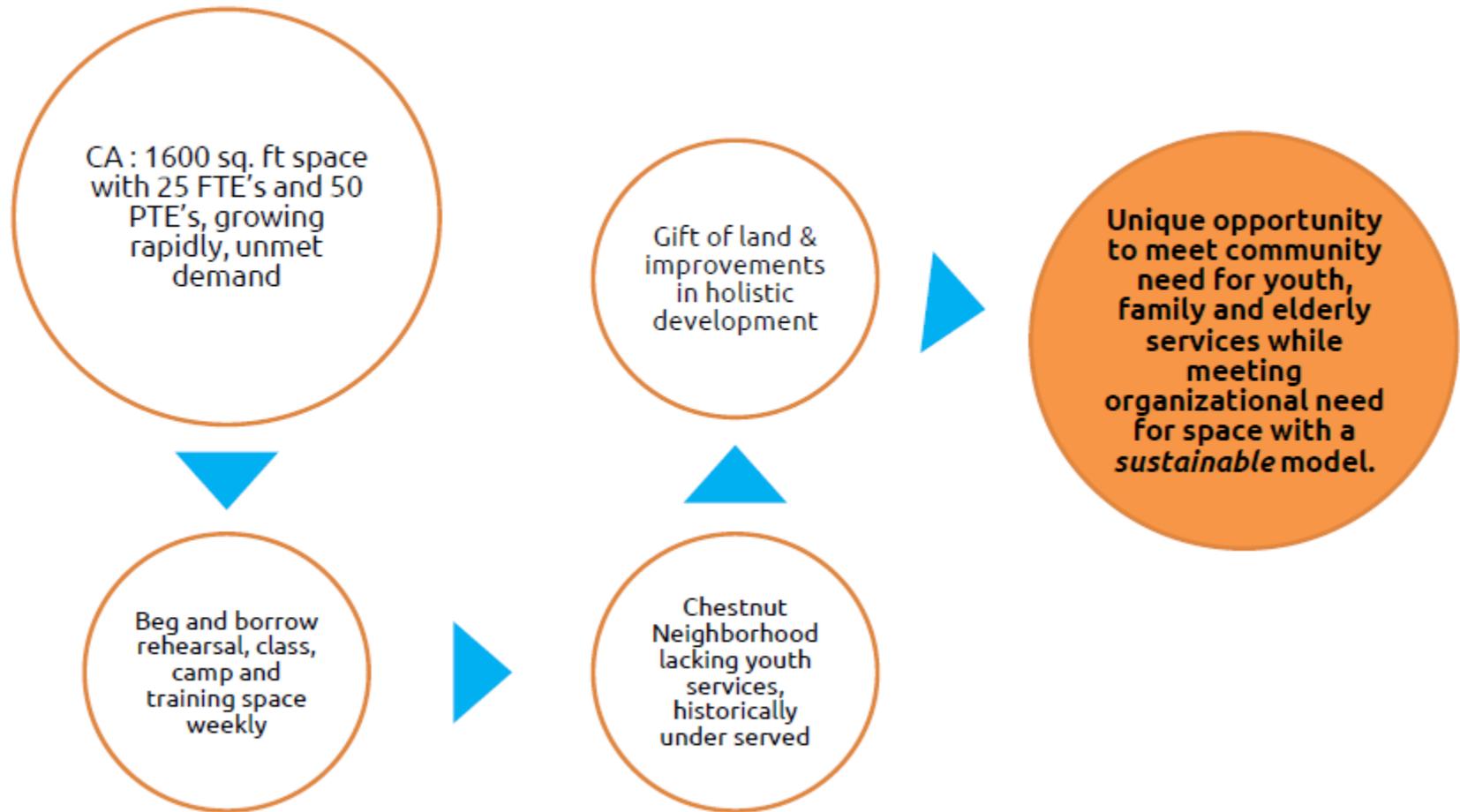


Newest Opportunity

Center for Creative Action



The Opportunity



Center for Creative Action

7,500sq ft. building: Creative Learning Center,
Community Mural, Headquarters and teacher prep space

Daily programs for 120+
youth & elderly

People from all socio-economic
backgrounds

Pre-K
After School K-8th
Teen Center
Summer Camps
Cultural Programs for Seniors





"ACTIVATING CHESTNUT"

NEA Our Town
Creative Placemaking
Initiative

PROJECT GOALS



Help **mitigate the changing dynamics** of a historically underserved East Austin community

Activate community interaction and dialogue through creative programs, performances, workshops, and events that **empower residents to improve their communities.**

Strengthen community identity through arts & cultural activities that honor the history and culture of the neighborhood, encourage a sense of community ownership, and establish a visual culture in the neighborhood through way-finding and murals.

Uplift residents with access to high-quality arts enrichment programs for all ages that **promote personal development and positive social change.**

Encourage the use of public transportation

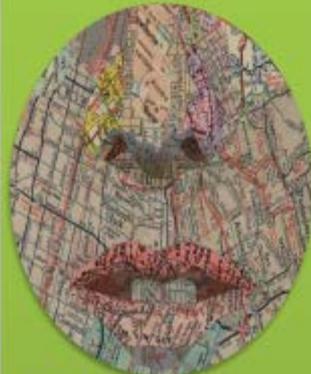
Spur economic activity within underserved communities by establishing **Chestnut as a vibrant destination**, attracting the city at large to attend arts programs, shop, enjoy green space and more.



**COMMUNITY
INSPIRED MURAL
DESIGNED BY
TEENS**

**"MAP YOUR
ROOTS/ROUTES"**

CapMetro, Chestnut
Neighborhood
Association, Austin's
African American
Cultural Heritage
District



**WAYFINDING,
MAPS AND
SIGNAGE
DESIGNED BY
TEENS**

UT School of
Architecture,
CapMetro, Chestnut
Neighborhood
Association



**YEAR-ROUND,
FREE ARTS
PROGRAMS FOR
ALL AGES**

AISD, Local funders,
Armstrong
School, Forklift
Dance.



**YEAR-ROUND,
FREE FAMILY
EVENTS**

Neighborhood
Associations,
Sustainable Food
Center, People Fund,
MFI, CapMetro,
Foundation
Communities, EAST,
Austin's African
American Cultural
Heritage District



**PROGRAMS AT
NEIGHBORHOOD
SCHOOLS**

AISD, MINDPOP,
CapMetro Operation
Lifesaver

PROJECT ACTIVITIES